GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS
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CURRENCY VERIFICATION AND PROCESSION SYSTEM
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Will the Minister of FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to install Currency Verification and Processing System (CVPS) in 18 cities in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the manner in which this new system is likely to help the public; and

(d) the steps taken by RBI to improve currency handling in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE & COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ANANDRAO V.ADSUL)

(a) & (b) Reserve Bank of India has installed 48 Currency Verification and Processing Systems (CVPS) in its 18 issue offices at Ahmedabad, Bangalore, Belapur (Navi Mumbai), Bhopal, Bhubaneswar, Chandigarh, Chennai, Guwahati, Hyderabad, Jaipur, Jammu, Kanpur, Kolkata, Nagpur, New Delhi, Mumbai, Patna and Thiruvananthapuram.

(c) The new system which performs the operations of counting, examining and sorting the notes into issueables, non-issueables, suspect and reject and simultaneously shreds the non-issueable notes into small bits are very useful for increasing the note processing capacity of the RBI offices.This will help RBI to withdraw soiled notes from circulation on an ongoing basis and make available fresh/clean/good notes to the public.

(e) For improving the currency handling in the country RBI has taken several steps which include installation of high speed CVPS in its 18 issue offices to speed up the disposal of soiled notes, advising all banks for installation of ultraviolet lamps for detection of counterfeit notes, asking banks to discontinue the practice of stapling note packets, providing note counting machines and table top note sorting machines initially at their currency chest branches, providing free exchange facility to the public for soiled and mutilated notes.